

# Carderock Division Tours

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The Carderock Division Naval Surface Warfare Center in West Bethesda, Maryland operates one of the largest public tour programs in the Navy lab community. Take advantage of this opportunity to see engineering facilities unique in the world. You'll understand why everyone says this is “Where the Fleet Begins.”

A visitor hears about the outstanding work of Carderock's illustrious founders, Rear Admirals David W. Taylor and George W. Melville, the history of the Division and an overview of the present nationwide organization. A typical tour group sees a video presentation highlighting model testing, shock testing, signatures enhancement and projects such as the Marine Corps Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicle. They walk through the David Taylor Model Basin, the Maneuvering and Seakeeping Basin and other world-class facilities with other stops such as the Ship Materials Technology Center available by request.

Employees at Carderock have testified to choosing a career in research inspired by a tour here when they were scouts or students.

Today, seventy per cent of visitors are students and the Division is establishing agreements with schools such as Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology to cement the relationship with academia.

Tours are by appointment due to security restrictions.

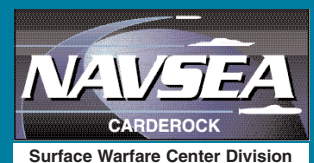
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